

House Resolution 115

By: Representative Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring January 27, 2009, as Tourism Day at the state capitol and commending the tourism
2 industry of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industries play a vital role in Georgia's economic
4 prosperity and the quality of life for all Georgians; and

5 WHEREAS, tourism in Georgia generates more than \$34.1 billion annually, which provides
6 for over 240 jobs state wide and contributes \$1.5 billion to state and local tax revenue; and

7 WHEREAS, representatives from the travel and tourism industry work hard to promote
8 Georgia as a premier travel destination with unique places, scenes, and activities; and

9 WHEREAS, the Georgia Association of Convention & Visitors Bureaus is dedicated to
10 representing destination marketing organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2002, the Tourism Development Alliance of Georgia was founded to increase
12 awareness of the tourism industry as a strategic economic development engine essential to
13 Georgia's economy; and

14 WHEREAS, both the Georgia Association of Convention & Visitors Bureaus and the
15 Tourism Development Alliance of Georgia work closely with the Georgia Department of
16 Economic Development and other Georgia, national, and international hospitality related
17 organizations to promote economic development through tourism; and

18 WHEREAS, the contributions and efforts of the professionals working in the tourism
19 industry to increase travel to and throughout this state and stimulate economic growth are
20 applauded.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize the tourism industry as critical to the economic vitality
23 of the State of Georgia and declare January 27, 2009, as Tourism Day at the state capitol.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Georgia Association of
26 Convention & Visitors Bureaus and the Tourism Development Alliance of Georgia.